(b) The Sub-way could not oe opened earlier for *Vie* public due to the existence of soi le structure On on_e of the entrances to the Sub-v.y. Th_e structure has been shifted and the Sub-way i.< being opened on 14.8.87.

Taking over the Pe emises of Delhi Cloth Mill

2379. SHRIMATI CRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister ol URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be plea;ed to state:

(a) whether Govt *nment propose to take over the remises of The Delhi Cloth Mill in Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi to safeguard he interests of its workers; and

(b) if so, wha are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN TI'E MINISTRY C F URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRi DALBIR SINGH): (a) There is no si ch proposal.

; b) Does **not art***

Training to House rives for Growing Mush 1 ooms

2380. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister >f AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Go\5rnment have for mulated a scheme 0 train housewives to grow mushroor ,s; and

(b) if so, whs are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE UST THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY O AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) Th> re are already facilities available wi h Indian Council o? Agricultural Research for training housewives to grcv mushroom.

2381. *[Transfer** ?d *to the* 17th *August,* 1987].

Los_s to Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

2382. SHRi BASUDEB MOHAPA-1RA; Will the Minister of AGRICUL-<: be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradeep $Phophate_s$ Ltd. (PPL) has incurred huge loss during first year of its production;

It) if so, the amount of loss incurred by the unit during the above iod; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILI ZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) According to the provisional accounts for 1986-87 PPL has sustained a loss of about Rs. 9 crores.

(c) The situation is expected to improve with improvement in capaeiy utilisation and sales turn-over.

Fiar Price Shops in Delhi

2383. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: SHRI N. E. BALARAM;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES! be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Fair Price Shops in Delhi has decreased and people of Delhi are facing difficulty as a result there of; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported **that** during the last one year **I.e. from**

1-7-1986 to 1.7.1987 the number of fair price shops in Delhi has increased from 3104 to 3197. However, in certain colonies of old Delhi and central Delhi, the number of fair price shops has declined, slightly, due to tendering of resignations by fair price shop holders.

(b) I_n areas where private entrepreneurs do not come forward, to open fair price shops, the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., opens its own fair price shops.

Crisis in Mini Steel Plants

2384. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM;

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mini steel plants in the country are facing acute crisis;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the crisis; and

(c) what steps are being taken to combat the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Steel Furnace Association of India and Federation of Engineering Industries of India have represented to the Government regarding problems faced by mini-steel plants. It has been represented due to high input casts and fall in selling price of ingots, the mini-steel plants are suffering cash losses.

(c) The customs duty on imported scrap has bee_n reduced by 5 per cent of *valorem* with effect from 4th December, 1986. Through increased imports, adequate quantity of scrab is being made available to the mini-steel plants.

Land for Opening a School to Vasant Vihar Government colony

2386. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Land and Development Officer had recently received any request from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (Education Department) regarding allotment of land for opening of MCD Primary School in Vasant Vihar Government colony, New Delhi;

(b) whether requests t_0 that effect have also been received by him/DG/(W). C.P.W.D. also from various Associations |Sansthans as well as members of Parliament;

(c) if so, when the requests have been received and by when the Possession of land js likely to be handed over to MCD; and

(d) whether a number of other formalities the Land and Development Office would have to complete before giving land to the school; if so, the details of such formalities and hy when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The requests were received in July, 1987. The land can be handed over only after the allotment is made which involves identification of the plot confirmation of land use of the site according to the development plans of the area, removal of encroachments, if any; etc. and receipt of payment for the land after it is allotted.